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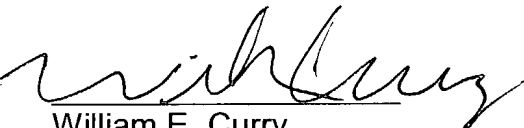
It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of

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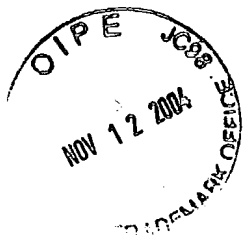
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**Application No.** : **2,407,801**  
**Owner** : **AT&T CORP.**  
**Title** : **CONSOLIDATED ACCESS AND ADMINISTRATION OF  
CUSTOMIZED TELEPHONE CALLING SERVICES**  
**Classification** : **H04M-3/42**  
**Your File No.** : **48535**  
**Examiner** : **Kristy Head**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF :

- A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*;
- A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29 OF THE *PATENT RULES*.

IN ORDER TO AVOID **MULTIPLE ABANDONMENTS** UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE *PATENT ACT*, A WRITTEN REPLY TO **EACH REQUISITION** MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN **6 MONTHS** AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined as originally filed.

The number of claims in this application is 22.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

Reference Applied:

United States Patent

5,436,957      Jul. 25, 1995      H04M 3/42      McConnell

McConnell discloses a method and system for allowing a subscriber to control the service provisioning of a group of lines belonging to the subscriber.

Claims 1-6 do not comply with Section 28.3 of the *Patent Act*. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to McConnell.

Claim 1 is obvious in view of McConnell, which discloses a method that allows a subscriber to configure call service availability for a group of lines belonging to the subscriber, the method including receiving a request from the subscriber to configure services, storing the configuration information in a central database, and making these changes available to all of the affected subscriber lines.

Claims 2-6 are obvious in view of McConnell, which discloses a database for storing the subscriber configuration information, updating the database when the subscriber changes the configuration information, and consulting the database whenever a call service is accessed on a subscribers line to determine if the accessed service is available for that subscriber line. McConnell also discloses that the subscriber request to configure call services may be in the form of DTMF tones, a voice request or a data connection.

Claim 1 is indefinite and does not comply with Subsection 27(4) of the Patent Act. The term "the network entity" (line 10) has no antecedent.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under Subsection 30(2) of the Patent Rules, to amend the application in order to comply with the Patent Act and the Patent Rules or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

Under Section 29 of the *Patent Rules*, applicant is requisitioned to provide an identification of any prior art cited in respect of the United States application describing the same invention on behalf of the applicant, or on behalf of any other person claiming under an inventor named in the present application, and the patent number, if granted. Amendment to avoid references cited abroad may expedite the prosecution. In accordance with Subsection 29(3) of the *Patent Rules*, if the particulars are not available to the applicant, the reason why must be stated.

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